

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING  
PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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Little Courtroom, Carbon County Courthouse, Price, Utah  
Monday, January 31, 1977, 1:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Donald Norseth, Water Distribution Engineer, Division of Water Rights, State of Utah, at the request of Dave Rowley, Chairman of the Price River Distribution System who is the Price River Commissioner.

Mr. Norseth asked the secretary to read the minutes of the last year's annual meeting. There were no additions or corrections made in the minutes. Motion was made by Sam ~~Fabrizio~~ and seconded by Frank Kochevar. Motion carried. *Fazio*

Dave Rowley read the minutes of a special meeting of August 17, 1976 attended by representatives from the various canal companies wherein he was appointed and elected chairman of the Price River Adjudication Committee in George W. Waterman's place, who tendered his resignation because of failing health. The minutes of the above-mentioned meeting are in our files.

Mr. Norseth read the financial statement for the year 1976. There was no discussion on the financial statement. Motion was made by Boyd Marsing that the financial statement be accepted as read. Motion seconded by Sam ~~Fabrizio~~. Motion carried. *Fazio*

The next item of business was preparing a budget for the system. At this point the secretary, John Bene, asked about applications for the river commissioner's job, at which time Dave Rowley presented his and his wife's application for the position with these stipulations: that he receive two weeks' vacation with pay, and that if the price of gasoline goes above 60¢ per gallon, he receive a 1¢ increase in the mileage rate for every increment rise of 2¢ per gallon on gasoline. Motion was made by Jack Chiaretta that Dave Rowley be reappointed river commissioner on the Price River for the year 1977. Motion seconded by Boyd Marsing. Motion carried.

After considerable discussion on the budget by various members present, the following changes were made from the last year's budget:

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Commissioner's Salary (left the same)	\$2,400.00
Matching Social Security (left the same)	150.00
Matching State Retirement (left the same)	150.00
(Any small increase is to be taken from Miscellaneous Expense item.)	
Commissioner's Travel Expense (raised from \$3,000 to \$4,000--from 20¢/mile to 25¢/mile)	4,000.00
Note: <del>This increase in per mile rate was to do away with the special increase in any of the commissioner's special stipulation on the travel.</del> The rate is to 25¢/mile for a top limit of 16,000 miles of travel.	
Commissioner's Annual Report (raised from \$200.00 to \$250.00)	250.00
Bonds and Insurance Premiums (left the same)	50.00
Miscellaneous Expense (left the same)	250.00
Reserve Fund (raised from \$500.00 to \$1000.00)	1,000.00
Total Budget for 1977:	\$8,250.00

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per mile rate / if  
the price of gasoline  
goes above \$6.00*

Motion was made by Walter Borla that the budget of \$8,250.00 for 1977 be approved and that the assessment be made to cover the same. Motion seconded by Boyd Marsing. Motion carried.

The river commissioner gave a number of highlights from his 1976 report. He stated that as of January 31, 1977, the reservoir had 28,400 acre-feet in storage. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has replaced the gage at the reservoir. Motion was made by Boyd Marsing that the commissioner's report be accepted. Motion seconded by Norma Higginbotham. Motion carried.

Dave Rowley introduced the fellows who have purchased the Richard Ranch water rights along with the land on Beaver Creek. They explained that they intended to build a dam across Beaver Creek for a fish pond and were in the process of having a change application approved on six acre-feet of reservoir water to take care of any evaporation caused by the construction of the pond.

Dave Rowley brought up a special expense statement of his own on one trip to Salt Lake City and a trip up to Gooseberry Reservoir Site: two days pay at \$20.00/day and 410 miles of travel at 14¢/mile. Motion was made by Boyd Marsing and seconded by Lyle Bryner that Dave be paid out of the Price River Adjudication funds in the amount of \$97.40.

Motion made to adjourn by Bill Marsing. Seconded by Walter Borla.

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Those present at the meeting were:

Donald Norseth, Division of Water Rights  
John Bene, Division of Water Rights and Secretary  
LaMond Gardner, Division of Water Rights  
Mark Page, Division of Water Rights  
Boyd Marsing, Price River Water Users Association  
Lyle B. Bryner, Price River Water Users Association  
Jack Chiaretta, Carbon Canal  
Norma Higginbotham  
Paillip Palmer, Price River Water Improvement District  
Ernest Gardner, Helper water user  
Ralph Noil, Helper water user  
John S. Huefner, Price City  
Dan W. Guy, Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.  
Carly Burton, Utah Power and Light Company  
Gordon H. Newbold, Utah Power & Light Company  
Norman J. Rowley, Rowley Fruit Farms, Payson, Utah  
Don E. Rowley, Rowley Fruit Farms, Payson, Utah  
Ted Peirce, Carbon Canal  
Sam Fazzio, Spring Glen Canal  
William Marsing, Carbon Canal  
LaVon Anderson, Price water user  
Albert Thayn, Wellington Canal  
Wallace Mathis, Price water user  
Frank Kochnar, Stowell Ditch Company  
Walter L. Borla, Bryner-Hansen Ditch Company  
Dave Rowley, Chairman and Commissioner

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